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In re Application of :  
John Willard Howard, Dan Martin Scott and :  
Darin Wayne Higgins :  
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**ON PETITION**

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.183," filed September 19, 2005, requesting waiver of the appropriate requirements under 37 CFR 1.48(a).

"Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183, Applicants hereby petition that the attached Declaration/Power of Attorney, executed by John Willard Howard and Dan Martin Scott, be accepted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on behalf of the above-named inventors and the non-signing inventor, Darin Wayne Higgins, who refuses to join in the application."

The petition is **granted**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228.

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